File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch - CS6 Station.

REPORT

Date. June 18, 37.

Subject

Reginald Stuart BUCHAN - movements of.

Made by D.S. Pitts.

Reginald Stuart BUCHAN, British, who forms the subject of File D. 6384, returned to Shanghai from Manila on June 11, 1937 on the s.s. "Scharnhorst." He is in possession of British Passport No. 10921 issued in Shanghai on July 7, 1934. On the Aliens' Declaration Form, this individual gave his Shanghai address as c/o Mrs. H.M. BUCHAN, 27 The Bund. lady is the individual's mother but she has not resided at this address for over two years.

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	of the U.S.M. Corps was returned to Shanghai fr Canada" on March 21, 19 Messrs. Allan & Buchan, Bank Building, 69 Kiuki.	making enquirom Manila on the 37. Mr. BUCH. Bill and Bull	AN is a partner in ion Brokers, Sumitomo D. S.

The Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, Wednesday, March

Changes Made In Levy Staff

Buchan, Cook, Heuser, **Dunbar Shifting** To South

Several additions in the staff of S. E. Levy & Co., investment bankers and brokers, were announced today.

Mr. R. Buchan, who has been prominent in local exchange circles for many years, became a partner, several months ago and is at present in Manila where the firm has established a branch office. office.

office.

Mr. Donald A. Cook, who first came to the Orient with the Asia Banking Corporation in 1921, will become a partner in S. E. Levy & Co. effective March 31, and has been appointed managing partner of the Manila office. Mr. Cook has resided almost continuously in Manila for the last 15 years where he was engaged, in the investment and banking business. He was foreign manager of the China Banking Ccrporation for 10 years. was foreign manager of the China Banking Corporation for 10 years. Mr. E. O. Heuser, well known in Shanghai financial circles, formerly accountant of the National City Bank of Nev York, has become associated with S. E. Levy & Co. as of March 1.

Mr. L. Dimbar of Hongkong has also recently become a partner in this firm and will remain in Hongkong in charge of the firm's activities in the Colony.

With these several changes it is not planned to enlarge the activities of the firm other than by the establishment of their recently announced branch office in the Philippines.

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January 27, 1937.

Memorandum on R. S. Buchan and $W \cdot M \cdot Buchan$.

Reginald Stuart Buchan, British, was born on 4.3.189 in London. He first registered with the local British Consulate-General on 27.6.1927. From 1927 to 1931 he was employed with the Public Works Department, S.M.C. A shady character who associates with quite a number of suspicious persons, he is heavily in debt all over Shanghai and is unfavourably looked upon in many local circles. He married the daughter of a former Cuban Minister in Shanghai and is known to have taken refuge in the Cuban Legation from time to time in order to escape his creditors. At present he is separated from his wife. 1934, R.S. Buchan in partnership with one Sam Newhouse and one Emile P. Lecours established the "Globe Mutual Credit, Savings, Pensions and Insurance Co. Ltd." at No. 2 Peking Road, which was registered as a Brazilian In April of the same year, these individuals unsuccessfully endeavoured to obtain from the Chinese Government permission to continue functioning under licence, following which the company ceased to operate. On January 15, 1935, the local Brazilian Consul-General had the company struck off the register of the consulate as "not being established according to the law of the Brazilian Republic.*

William Muir Buchan, British, was born on 8.2.1900 at London. He first registered with the local British Consulate-General on 27.6.27. From 1927 to 1932 he was employed with the Shanghai Fire Brigade. In 1934 he joined Messrs. Burkhardt, Buchan & Co. as a partner. Both brothers, together with their sister Boreen

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and their mother resided during 1933-1935 at No. 27

The Bund where they rented three rooms in that part of the building occupied by the offices of Mr. B. A.

MacDonald, Canadian Trade Commissioner in China. The residence of the Buchan family was the only private apartment in the building in question, which is occupied exclusively by offices of various firms. It was reported that this circumstance was taken advantage of by their numerous friends, including Soviet employees and agents, who used the residence of the Buchan family as a place of rendezvous.

Messrs. Burkhardt, Buchan & Co. (1934) Ltd. was, in the spring of 1926, closely connected with the local branch of the Soviet concern "EXPORTHIES". The firm in question was known as "L.R. Burkhardt" until 1920 when R.S. Buchanjoined the company, which then assumed the name of "Burkhardt, Buchan & Co." On April 28, 1934, Mr. Burkhardt, a Swiss, and the principal partner, committed suicide, and in November of the same year, the company was liquidated. Towards the end of the year R. S. Buchan and his brother W. M. Buchan, re-established the company under the name of "Burkhardt, Buchan & Co. (1934) Ltd., with offices at Room 112, 2 Peking Road.

It was reported at this time that the Buchan brothers possessed but a very limited capital, and that their firm was in reality financed by Moscow in order to transact certain business through the medium of a British firm on occasions when it was not convenient for a Soviet concern to act directly.

The significance of this arrangement was augmented following the liquidation in 1935 of the local branch of Centrosojus (England) Ltd. and the establishment, in its stead, of a purely Soviet concern *EXPORTHIEB.*

In 1935 and 1936 Messrs. Burkhardt, Buchan & Co. (1934) Ltd. dealt in various imports from the U.S.S.R.

Eventually, however, business became worse and worse with the company, and in the summer of 1936, it finally closed its doors, its directors being heavily in debt all over Shanghai.

The sister, Doreen Buchan, who was also a director of the company, left Shanghai for Manila on April 5, 1936 on the s.s. "Empress of Canada." It is reported that in Manila she became the mistress of a wealthy Filipino.

The two brothers left Shanghai on June 9, 1936 on the s.s. "President Grant" and made their way to Manila, their real reason for leaving this city being, it was reported, to escape their many creditors.

Prior to leaving, however, a number of judgments were given against them in H.M. Supreme Court for debt.

The two brothers and their sister returned to Shanghai on the s.s. "Potsdam" from Manila on January 14, 1937. They resided at the Cathay Mansions until January 26, when the brothers returned to Manila again on the s.s. "Potsdam." The sister still remains in the Cathay Mansions where she is staying with her mother Mrs. H. Buchan.

(Robert Buchan, British, born in Ireland on July 21, 1882, who is a partner of Messrs. Allan & Buchan, Bill and Bullion Brokers, sumitomo Bank Building, 69 Kiukiang Road, resides at 29 Picardie Apts., 179 Route Winling.

He frquently makes business journeys to Manila where he is at present, having left Shanghai on the s.s. "Conte Rosso" on November 28, 1936.

He is not related to, or connected with, the Buchan brothers mentioned above.)

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The two brothers obtained visue for trivel in the Philippines valid for one year, from the local American Consulate-General on June o, 1936 and on the following day left for manila on the s.s. "President Grant." Their real reason for leaving Shanghai was reported to have been made in order to escape their many creditors here.

Despite the fact that they held positions of trust during their association with messrs. Burkhardt, Buchan α Co. (1934) Ltd., the two brothers are regarded in well informed local circles as being thorough paced rascals who owe money right and left to the extent of several thousands of dollars.

The suspicions emanating from a certain quarter that Reginaled Stuart BUCHAN and one Robert BUCHAN, who recently proceeded to Manila from Shanghai, were identical or were relations, appear to be unfounded.

Reginald Stuart BUCHAN, British, was born in London on March 4, 1899, his father being William Muir BUCHAN. Robert BUCHAN, a son of one Charles BUCHAN, was born on July 21, 1882 in Ireland, and he also is a British subject. This individual is a partner in the firm of Messrs. Allan and Buchan, Bill and Bullion Brokers, with offices at the Sumitomo Bank Building, 69

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	proceeded to man	nila on the s.s. "Con	nte Rosso,"	and as far as
	is known locally	, is still in the P	hilippines.	ne is expected
	to return to thi	s port sometime dur	ing next mor	th. These two
	trips are said t	o have been made on	behalf of	nis company. In
	this connection,	Robert BUCHAN obta	ined a visa	for travel in
	the Philippines,	valid for one year	, from the I	local American
	Consular authori	ties on October 7,	1936.	
	It should b	e mentioned that wi	ss Doreen B	JCHAN, a sister
	of the two broth	ners, accompanied the	em on the s.	s. "Potsdam"
	from Manila to	hanghai. She was	born at Plyn	nouth 28 years
	ago. Both she	and her mother - Mr	s. H. BUCHA	- are at present
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Troubles of a British Import

"Is that a common habit out here" in the damber P. Grant Jones in H. M. Santenin Court gestenday, when, in the course of a judgment summons, the debter raid that his firm had lost a considerable amount of profit money when a contract for a consignment of silk was oiscovered to have been made out to a fictitious Chinese filature by a Chinese broker who had subsequently disappeared. Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the judgment creditor, Mr. J. N. Sipser, who obtained judgments for U.S. \$5,000 and U.S. \$350 against Messrs, R. S. and W. M. Buchan last year.

W. M. Buchan last year.
When the hearing opened, Judge P. Grant Jones said that in future cases of this nature, judgment would eally be given in Chinese standard dollars, as in order to obtain execution of any such judgments there had to be a conversion of the foreign currency into the local currency. Mr. Newman agreed.

Examined by Mr. Newman, Mr. R. S. Buchan said that the debt for U.S. \$5,000 was incurred in December, 1928, when his brother acted as guarantor. A year later, he joined Burkhardt, Buchan & Co., which was then a Swiss firm. He was paid no salary, but received a commission, and was given a present of \$4,500 when he married.

Little Business Done

The firm was later reorganized into Burkhardt, Buchan & Co.. (1934), Ltd. a British company, the directors of which included his brother and his sister. He was still employed by this firm, which was connected with the import and export trade, but which did little business at the moment. He admitted never having paid any money back on the debt, but said that Mr. Burkhardt had formerly paid the interest on it, as the loam had been secured for him in the first place.

Witness admitted also that he had made promises to pay, but said that he had not been able to keep his promises as two Chinese filatures had repudiated their contracts, and the firm lost some \$12,000 in profits. One of the filatures subsequently changed its name, and the other was apparently fictitious. The Chinese brokers

firm lost some \$12,000 in profits. One of the filatures subsequently changed its name, and the other was apparently fictitious. The Chinese brokers could not be found.

An offer by both judgment debtors to pay \$200 down on both debts, and to pay them off by instalments of \$100 a month was accepted by Mr. Newman, and an order to that effect was made by his Lordship.

Section 2, Special Br. Section

REPORT

Date April 18. 1036.

Subject. Burkhardt, Buchan & Co. (1934), Ltd.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky Forwarded by I I fee

Information from reliable sources indicates that the local British firm "Burkhardt, Buchan & Co. (1934), Ltd. (Incorporated under the Ordinances in Hongkong), Room 112, No. 2 Peking Road, (Glen Line Building), is closely connected with the local branch. of the Soviet concern "EXPORTHLEB."

The firm in question was known under the name of "L. R. Burkhardt" until 1930, when Mr. R.S. Buchan joined as a partner, after which the firm adopted the name "Burkhardt, Buchan & Co." On April 28, 1934, Mr. Burkhardt, Swiss, the principal partner, committee spicide and in November 1934 the commany was liquidated. Towards the end of the same year R.S. Buchan and his brother, W.M. Buchan, reestablished the firm under its present name at the above address where is also situated the office of the "Export Pongee Company, Silk & Tea Export, owned by the Buchan brothers.

It is reported that the Buchan brothers possess only a very

simited capital but that their firm is financed by the governend of the U.S.S.R. in order to be able to transact business hyough the medium of a British firm on certain occasions when it is not convenient for a Soviet owned concern to act directly. The significance of this arrangement has been augmented following the recent liquidation of the local Branch of the Centrosojus (England) Ltd. and establishing in its stead of a purely Soviet concern "Exporthleb". At present Burkhaft, Buchan & Co. deals in machinery, motor trucks, chemicals, paper, etc., imported from the U.S.S.P. Through the medium of Messrs Buchan the local American firm "China Electric Company, Ltd. No.269 Lay Road, recently obtained an agency for certain machinery imported

The show rooms of the latter company

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are situated at No.460 Fokien Road (Shanghai Elephone Company's Ruilding).

Reginald Stuart Buchan, British, was born on 4.3.1890 in London. He was first registered with the local British Consulate-General on 27/6/1927. From 1927 to 1931 he was employed with the Public works Department, 5.M.C. It is reported that he is a shady character who associates with q ite a number of suspicious persons. He was heavily in debt all over Shanghai and is unfavourably looked upon in many local circles. He was married to the daughter of the former Cuban Minister in Shanghai and is known to have taken refuge in the Cuban Legation from time to time in order to escape his creditors. At present he is separated with his wife. In March, 1934, R.S. Buchan in partnership with Sam Newhouse and Emile P. Lecours established the "Globe Mutual Credit. Savings, Pensions and Insurance Co. Ltd. at No. 2 Peking Road, which was registered as a Brazilian firm. In April of the same year they made an unsuccessful endeavour to obtain from the Chinese Government permission to continue functioning under licence, following which the company ceased to function. On January 15, 1935, the local Brazilian Consul-General struck the company off the register of the consulate as "not being established according to the law of the Brazilian Republic". William Muir Buchan, British, was born on 8.2.1900 at London. He has been registered with the local British Consulate-General

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	rooms in the part of the building	occupied by the offices of
	Lr. B.A. MacDonald, Canadian Trade	Commissioner in China. The
	residence of the Buchan family was	the only private residence in
	the building in question, which is	occupied exclusively by of-
	fices of various firms. It is rem	orted that this circumstance
	was taken advantage of by their nu	merous friends, including
	Soviet emphases and agents, who us	ed the residence of the Buchan
	family as a place of rendez-vous.	
	It is also reported that a fe	w months ago one of the Buchan
	brothers mentioned during the cour	se of a conversation that he
	intended to proceed to Moscow shor	
	with the "Order of Red Star" for s	ervices he had rendered to the
	trade in South China. It appears	
	one of the Buchan brothers visited	
	occasions and that in 1936 W. Buch	an made a trip to the U.S.S.R.
	It is reported that at present	the foreign staff of the
	company consists of three persons,	including Miss Zoia Ermakoff
	alias Barr, a Russian.	
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REPORT

Subject (in full) The Globa mutual Credit, Savings, Pensions and Insurance Company Limited.

Made by D.S. Pitts. Forwarded by

with reference to the attached instructions of the Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch) relating to "The Globe mutual Credit, Savings, Pensions and Insurance Company Limited, No. 26a vanton Road," I have to report that this organisation has never functioned at the above mentioned address.

It did, however, exist as a public savings society during march and april of the current year at No. 2 Peking Rold, being financed and sponsored by Messrs. Burkhardt, Buchan & Co., which concern went into liquidation during July or August, 1934.

The business of the Globe Mutual Credit, Savings, Pensions and Insurance Company Limited was conducted on lines similar to those of the now well-known International Savings Society (I.S.S.) and it was in an endeavour to capture part of the prospective trade of the latter concern that the former organisation was established.

In April 1934 it made formal application to the Chinese Government for permission to continue functioning under licence, but the necessary authorization was not granted, it being the policy of the National Government to prohibit all such ventures, as it is considered that such schemes are of a pernicious nature affecting public welfare and can be likened to a huge (In this connection it should be mentioned that were swindle. the International Savings Society not protected to a certain extent by being housed in the French Concession locally, would cease functioning through pressure from the Chinese Authorities).

Following its unsuccessful endeavour to obtain a licence, the company in question ceased to function and definstely does not exist at the present time, although rumours

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are current to the effect that it will be reorganised and will continue functioning in the confines of the local settlements some time during rebruary 1935.

Nothing has been learned of the recent activities of Sam Newhouse and Amile P. Lecours that could be construed as being to their detriment, but in the case of Reginald S.

Buchan it is has been learned that he is a shady character who associates with quite a number of suspicious persons. He is heavily in debt all over Shanghai and is unfavourably looked upon in many local circles. In addition it is known that from time to time, in order to mescape his creditors, he takes refuge in the Cuban Legation, he being a relation by marriage with the Cuban Minister.

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Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch).

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NUMERATION OF THIS POLICY
For Group "A" of 30.000 Policy Holders No. 00833
For Group "B" of 1.000 Policy Holders No. 833
For Group "C" of 100 Policy Holders No. 33

INDEMNIFICATION FOR DEATH OR ACCIDENTAL DISABLEMENT

\$ 1.000 (One Thousand)



Age

Years

Ordinary Monthly Premium \$ 2.00

Credit and Savings Policy for 10 Pears. Serie "C" with nominal value of \$ 240.00

and partial devolution of premiums without interest or total with accumulated surplus

In Consideration of the declarations and stipulations set forth in the application for this Solicy which firms integral part of this contract and of the payment of the above mentioned premium which must be offeded at the Company's office the first day of every menth beginning on the day this Petroy is issued and until att the premiums for the life of the Policy have been completely paid.

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The Privileges, options and stipulations consigned on the back of this certificate as well as what is stated in the articles of Association and application form are binding on both the Policy holder and the Company.

In Witness whereof The Globe Mutual Credit, Savings, Pensions, and Insurance Company with office in this City of Shanghai and registered under the companies laws of the Netwolic of the United States of Brazil issues signs, and scale this Policy on the day of the month of

VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR SENERAL

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The Globe Mutual Credit Savings

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Conton Road, 26 A.

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BURKHARDT, BUCHAN & CO., LTD.

(In Liquidation)

Notice of Dissolution and Appeal to the Creditors

Appeal to the Creditors
THE dissolution and entry anto
liquidation of the Company has been
decided by the shareholders at an
Extraordinary General Meeting held
on November 30, 1934.
The creditors are invited to
announce their claims forthwith to
the Administrator, 62 Verdun Terrace, Shanghai.

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PROMINENT BUSINES MAN FOUND DEAD

J. Burkhardt In Flat With Bullet Wound Through Heart

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With a bullet wound through his heart, Mr. Henry James Burkhardt (54), well-known Shanghai business man and resident of many years' standing, wa: found dend in his flat in the Glen Line Building, Peking Road, early yesterday afternoon, in circumstances that point to suicide. He had suffered from heart trouble for some time. Mr. Burkhardt was senior partner in the firm of Burkhardt, Buchan and Company, Ltd., merchants, of 19a-26a Canton Road. When he returned from the office to his flat, on the sixth floor at 2 Peking Road, for tiffin yesterday he appeared quite normal, and after the meal went to his bedroom for his crstomary rest.

At 2 p.m. his wife went to the room to call him and found him lying over the bed with a bullet through his heart. On the bed was a .25 calibre pistol containing one spent cartridge. Death had apparently been instantaneous. The fact that the sitting room is a long way from the bedroom accounts for the shot not being heard there.

Mr. Burkhardt is not known to have had any financial worries, but being a victim of heart trouble had been in ill health for some months. He was a Swiss citizen and officials from the Swiss Consulate-General visited the flat during the afternoon. Convinced that death was due to suicide, they decided not to held an inquest.

Mr. Burkhardt had been in China some 33 years, and in addition to als place in the business world was very prominent and popular in local Swiss circles. He was a member of the Shanghai Club.

Mr. Burkhardt is survived by his widow, daughters and eitered

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Mr. Burkhardt is survived by his widow, daughters and grand-children. His widow is a sister of Mr. R. S. Buchan, his partner.

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CONSULADO GERAL DOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DO BRADIL for nohai - J: nuary 15, 1935.

J.A. Jones Bod., The Secretary The Manghai Lunicital Council,

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I have concelled from the neglister of this Consulate dent. If the "Globe Lutual Execut Savings Rension and Insurance Co., Itd.", 26-a Canton Road, Snanghai, formed by the ESCUSS. R. Gillal J. B. Chan. and EMILE P. LECOURS, as an object to the Law of Brazilian Pepareir.

In case the above company is registered as a registral organisation with the Changhai Municipal Council, I shoul be very grateful if you will kindly give the necessary orders to vancel such registration.

Yours faithfully,

Mario de Castello Branco Brazilian Consul General. BURKHADOT, BUCHAN & CO.
Connected with Soviet concern "EXPONTRL B".

BUCHAN Reginald Stuart
British. Helped the "Globe Mutual Credit,
Savings, Pensions and Insurance Co. Ltd."

SMP: No. S. B. D 6384

BUCHAN, William Muir British. Partner in "Burkhardt, Buchan & Col"

LECCURS, Emile P. Helped establish the "Globe Mutual Credit, Savings, Pensions and Insurance Co., Ltd."